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Office of the Regional Administrator / Region I

December 7, 2001

Patricia Wilson-Coker, Commissioner Connecticut Department of Social Services 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5033

Dear Ms. Wilson-Coker:

This is in response to your letter of November 26, 2001, received by CMS Region I on November 29, in which you requested an extension of the State's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver #0302, for individuals aged 18 to 64 with acquired brain injury. You requested the waiver extension to comply with State requirements for public and legislative notice and comment.

Regulations at 42 CFR 441.304(c) state that an extension of an existing waiver may be granted for up to 90 days to permit the State to document more fully the satisfaction of statutory and regulatory requirements needed to approve a new waiver request. I am therefore approving your request so that the waiver can continue through March 31, 2002, at levels approved for initial waiver Year 3 (1/1/2001 to 12/31/2001).

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Grano at (617) 565-1695.

Sincerely,

George F. Jacobs II Regional Administrator

cc: Leslie Burkhart, State of Connecticut